

**I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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1. (Currently Amended) A digital timepiece comprising:  
a face including a display for displaying a digital, numerical hour and a message, the digital, numerical hour and the message indicative of approximate time;  
a digital timekeeping circuit for generating a signal indicative of precise time; and  
a conversion unit responsive to the digital timekeeping signal for generating on the display a digital, numerical hour and a message, indicative of the approximate time.
2. (Currently Amended) The timepiece of claim 1 further comprising a mode switch for switching modes between the display of the digital, numerical hour and the message and the display of precise time.
3. (Original) A watch according to claim 1.
4. (Original) A watch according to claim 1.
5. (Previously Added) The timepiece of claim 1, wherein the displayed messages vary more frequently near an hour.
6. (Previously Added) The timepiece of claim 1, wherein the displayed messages vary more frequently near a half hour.
7. (Currently Added) The timepiece of claim 1, wherein the digital, numerical hour is displayed in a larger size font than the message.
8. (Currently Added) The timepiece of claim 1, wherein the digital, numerical hour is displayed approximately in the center of the display.

9. (Previously Added) The timepiece of claim 1, wherein the displayed message contains words.

10. (Previously Added) The timepiece of claim 9, wherein the words are from a selected language.